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Since working with friends is ~~to~~ and working with other class mates I find it ~~to~~ easier to work with friends, and that's what I'm here for working with other people that you don't know sucks but working with friends is a whole lot different because you and your friends understand each other and sometimes think the same thing.

Well first of all when working with friends and you understand them and all of you think the same thing then you're most likely going to agree on things a lot faster. And when you agree a lot faster then you will get finished ~~at~~ a lot faster. And that leaves time to hang out

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When I was little I used to think that cleaning up garbage was a job only for the garbage man. Now that I've grown up I've realized that it is everybody's responsibility to keep our Earth clean. Working in a group is a great way to get things done. It makes work time go a lot faster and you can still hang out with your friends. Just keep in mind that there are some bad effects in working with a group.

There are a lot of positive effects of working in a group. One is that you can get a lot of work done really fast. Another good reason is that you can still have fun doing it if you are working alongside your friends. You can also learn that when working in a group you get motivated to work hard.

There are also some negative effects with working in a group. You could get in a fight or argument with someone you are working with so you wouldn't get as much work done. You could also have people yelling at you to do something a different way.

From working in groups I have gained many personal experiences. One that I can clearly recall is when I was working with my mom and my two brothers and we were cleaning up my neighborhood after a big wind storm that made

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all the garbage fly around everywhere. We were all getting along until my little brother decided to just quit on all of us. Another experience was when me and my friend \_\_\_\_\_ decided to wash all the desks in our old middle school just for the fun of it.

So there's some good things and bad things when it comes to working in a group, and just remember that they are mostly good. So if you have to work in a group in the near future remember to stay motivated, stay positive, and have some fun.

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### My History Fair Nightmare

Terrified, I was completely and utterly terrified. The day had finally come. All of the hard work and all of the long hours were now on display. Breathing didn't come easily and the centers of my palms were beginning to glisten with small beads of sweat. It was the day of the History Fair and my partner and I were going to be judged next, or rather our project was. I exhaled once more and took a few seconds to reflect on the last few months of working with my partner.

Working in a group. Most believe that doing so is an easy way to land an easy "A" on an assignment. Although that may be true, I'm not entirely fond of that method! I find that I usually carry the weight of the entire project upon my shoulders. The aforementioned project not being any different.

For the first few weeks, a month even, we worked together wonderfully. She would do research, I would type it up. Once in a while we'd switch places, but usually our system stayed the same. It was an equal

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partnership, fifty-fifty.

Then suddenly, things changed. She told me to memorize all of the information ~~for~~ for our project. Saying that I could remember things better than she could, and that we didn't have much time. I argued against it and we came to a compromise. She would memorize the different types of ESP and give a demonstration, while I did the rest. I did as I was told.

The day finally came around, and the judges took their places in front of us. I felt all of the needed information disappear. My mind was going blank. Then they asked a question, and, thankfully, I remembered every last detail. I, as usual, carried the full force of the project while she stood there uselessly. We won second, or third, place because of me.

To this day, I still abhor doing group projects. I always feel used and tired of thinking after all is said and done. People argue, and people try to rule over everything, and then leave me to do the work. I simply don't care for it. I prefer to work alone.

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Working in groups on most things makes it quicker, easier, and funner for me.

In the sixth grade my health teacher, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ sat my class down at the begining of the period and immetially started to explain a big project that was worth a total of half of our grade that quartar. When I assumed she was close to the ending point of her explination she said that we would be working in groups of three people that she would pick. We had to give a five minute report or presentation to class on the effects of a drug that she assigned to us. The whole researching, writing, and orally giving the presentation took my group about 3½ days. It was a little confusing but for the most part it was fun and easy.

I thought working in groups on that presentation made it a little hard but easy and fun for the most part of it.